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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested. Claims 1-13 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The undersigned acknowledges the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 7-13.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,871,919 ('919). A Terminal Disclaimer with regard to '919 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is attached hereto. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejection as moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 14 has been cancelled. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112.



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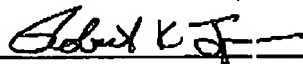
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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted by,

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